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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. GOODLATTE].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 26, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable BOB GOODLATTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rabbi Melvin Glazer, Congregation Olam Tikvah, Fairfax, VA, offered the following prayer:

Next week the Jewish people will celebrate the holiday of Simhat Torah, the festival when we will conclude the reading of the Torah, the five Books of Moses. As we recite the final words

from the Book of Deuteronomy, we will join together and chant, "hazak hazak ve'nithazek"—Be strong, Be strong, and let us strengthen one another. Our rabbinic commentators remind us that true strength can come only from striving together toward a shared ideal. We are strong because you who lead us care so passionately about America and its citizens.

As you will soon come to the end of this congressional session, you too will conclude yet another chapter in the glorious Torah of the United States. May you continue to remain strong—strengthening each other and strengthening America. May the God who created us all bless the work of your hands. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Oregon [Ms. FURSE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FURSE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2366. An act to repeal an unnecessary medical device reporting requirement;

H.R. 2508. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for

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WILLIAM M. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

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